

BASEBALL SPORTS ATHLETICS

MONTY REVIEWS FIGHT CHAMPIONS

If Johnson Defeats Willard Monday He Will Break a World's Record.

VETERAN PUGILISTS

Sullivan, Jeffries and Negro Hold Title Longer Than All Other Prize Fighters.

Age when	Years in
Born	Ring
John L. Sullivan	34
James J. Corbett	31
Robert Fitzsimmons	37
James J. Jeffries	35
Jack Johnson (if Willard wins)	37

(By MONTY.)

New York, April 3.—If Jack Johnson defeats Jess Willard in their bout at Havana Monday, the negro will break a world's record. He will have held the heavyweight championship at a more advanced age than any other man in history. Last Wednesday was his thirty-seventh birthday. Bob Fitzsimmons, who holds the pugilistic longevity record, was 37 years old, plus five days, when he lost the championship. Johnson will be that old on Monday. If Willard beats him tomorrow, he will miss trying the record by the scant margin of a single day.

Fitzsimmons was born on June 4, 1862, and lost the heavyweight championship to Jim Jeffries on June 9, 1899. Johnson was born on March 31, 1878. Next to these two in point of age when he lost his crown comes Jeffries, who was born in 1875, and was beaten for the championship by Johnson in 1910, when he was 35 years old. John L. Sullivan was 34 years old when he was stopped by Jim Corbett, and the latter was 31 years of age, the youngest of the bunch, when Fitzsimmons put him to sleep with the solar plexus blow.

Johnson a Veteran.
In still another respect Johnson is considerable of a veteran in the game. He has been fighting just a little over a month less than sixteen years, his first bout having been on May 6, 1899, when he lost a five-round no-decision affair to a third-rater named Klondike in Chicago. Again Fitzsimmons is the only one who surpasses him for this mark. Fitzsimmons had been a ringster for nineteen years when Jeffries beat him. Jeffries and Sullivan each had been fighting fourteen years up to the time they were dethroned, while Corbett's mark was eleven years.

If Johnson's career as champion should be reckoned from the day he beat Tommy Burns in Australia, July 4, 1908, he figures for still another longevity record. That was three months less than seven years ago. Corbett was champion for four and a half years and Fitzsimmons two years. Sullivan held the title ten years. If the retirement period of Jeffries from 1905 to 1910 is included, Jeff was champion for eleven years. Thus, according to this method of calculating, Johnson has held his title longer than any of the bunch except Sullivan and Jeffries. But the crown should not be reckoned as belonging to Johnson after he beat Burns, for Burns never actually was champion, from the standpoint of being the superior of all other men. It will be recalled that, when Jeffries retired in 1905, he refereed a bout between Jack Root and Marvin Hart and presented his title to the latter upon Hart's achieving the victory. The entire claim of Burns was based upon a victory over Hart, who was a poor second-rater. Leaving out the stretch of time just after Johnson beat Burns, the negro has been champion only since July 4, 1910, or for four years and nine months.

Forty-five Round Go.
Monday's battle is scheduled for forty-five rounds, but it is little chance, practically none, however, for it to last that long if one is to judge by what has occurred in the past when the championship changed hands. The longest bout of the bunch was that between Corbett and Sullivan just outside New Orleans on September 7, 1892, when Corbett went down the veteran and knocked him out in the twenty-first round. When Johnson dropped Jeff in the fifteenth round at Reno, that made the second longest. It took Fitzsimmons fourteen rounds to land his solar plexus punch on Corbett and Carson City, Nev., on St. Patrick's day, 1897. Jeff took the crown from Fitz in the eleventh round of their clash at Coney Island, on June 9, 1899. That includes all the title-shifts back to the time Sullivan won the crown from Daddy Ryan on February 7, 1882, at Mississippi City, Miss. Nine rounds were required but the round instead of being three minute periods were the old style rounds under London prize ring rules, a new round being counted over time either man was knocked down.



Some of Willard's latest photographs.

Jess Willard is in perfect condition physically, and that should help him in his coming battle with Jack Johnson. But he lacks the experience and ring generalship of his opponent. He is better on offense than defense. He is said to have improved wonderfully in speed in the last few months, which should help him in attack. He is not a cunning, tricky fighter like the negro. His greatest chance for victory lies in his hitting power, for he is a hard hitter with either hand.

Queer Kinks in Career.
One queer kink in the career of Johnson is that, although he has been the most unpopular champion that ever drew on a glove, he has fought before more big crowds than any other man. That is due perhaps partly to the increase of interest in sports, partly to the greater population and partly to the larger amount of general prosperity now as compared to a number of years back. Probably a more important reason is that a good many people have paid to see him beaten without any other idea than exchanging money to be in at the death. Of course the biggest kink Johnson ever fought before was at Sydney, Australia, where he beat Tommy Burns before a \$131,000 mob.

Other big throngs paid to see him fight Al Kaufman, Jim Flynn, Stanley Ketchel and Frank Moran. Altogether, probably twice as much money has been paid for entrance fees to Johnson's bouts than those of any other boxer. Monday's huge assembly at Havana race track certainly will help swell the total.

How records of Johnson and Willard compare:
While the betting in Havana is reported to favor Jack Johnson near the eve of his clash with Jess Willard for the heavyweight laurels of the world, there are many points in Willard's favor. He is ten years younger and is generally credited with having a more powerful punch than the black. He has an advantage of twenty pounds in weight.

Willard lacks ring generalship. But Willard lacks experience, generalship and boxing technique. These are the factors which may cost him the fight.

Jess has a faculty of stepping quickly inside of a left jab and lifting his right to the head or body. It was this blow, which traveled less than two feet, that settled Young Jess seldom used the blow in training bouts for fear of injuring his sparring partners.

Willard backers point out the Johnson has never met a man the size of Jess and say the sight of such a giant before him will intimidate the black. Willard has never lacked gameness, but neither has Jack.

Willard's chances for victory lie in his stamina and his great punch. Johnson is expected to be there with his smashing right uppercut and it certainly will be a battle worth seeing.

SALT LAKE IS AGAIN DEFEATED BY THE VENICE TEAM

Salt Lake, April 3.—To have two runners called at the plate in the very first inning is two things: First, it is an evidence of superior ball playing on the part of the natter, and second, it is durned tough luck on the natter. Those unfortunate happenings in the first session of yesterday's game set the stage for a Venice victory, and the Tigera got their first full feed of raw meat, 5 to 2. Another runner was cut off at the home gate in the fourth.

Blankenship came through with his usual ninth-inning rally, but it again fell short. The ninth-inning rally produced a run, and there were men on second and third ready to scoot home when the side went down—and the men on second and third don't figure in the column marked "R."

The game was full of hitting and consequently of fielding. Some mighty fast work was done by both sides. It was fielding of the fastest sort all through and no particularly shining play came up to deserve a minute description.

Venice 5, Salt Lake 2.

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Carlisle, lf.	5	0	1	2	2	0
Wilhoit, rf.	5	2	3	2	0	0
Berger, ss.	5	1	2	1	4	0
Bayless, cf.	5	0	1	2	0	0
Gleichman, lb.	5	1	2	12	1	0
Hetting, 3b.	3	0	2	1	1	0
Purtell, 2b.	4	0	1	2	1	0
Spencer, c.	3	0	0	0	1	0
West, p.	2	1	0	2	2	0
Decanniere, p.	2	0	0	0	5	0
xWhite	0	1	0	0	0	0

Totals 39 5 13 27 18 1

	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Shinn, rf.	5	0	3	2	0	0
Orr, ss.	4	0	0	2	0	0
Zacher, cf.	4	0	2	3	0	0
Ryan, lf.	4	1	2	0	0	0
Tennant, lb.	3	0	1	9	1	1
Paye, 1b.	0	0	1	2	3	0
Geddon, 2b.	3	0	1	2	3	0
Hallinan, 3b.	3	1	1	1	1	0
Rohrer, c.	4	0	7	0	1	0
J. Williams, p.	3	0	1	1	2	0
xHannah	1	0	0	0	0	0
xxBarbour	1	0	1	0	0	0

Totals 35 2 13 27 13 1

xRun for West in 5th.

xxBatted for Tennant in 8th.

xxBatted for Williams in 9th.

Score by innings:

Venice.....000 020 012—5

Hits.....111 131 122—13

Salt Lake.....000 100 001—2

Hits.....310 321 012—13

SUMMARY.

Two-base hits—Carlisle, Wilhoit 2.

Bayless, Gleichman, Geddon, Shinn.

Sacrifice hits—Hetting, Orr, Geddon.

Stolen base—Wilhoit. Bases on balls—Off West 1, off Williams 2.

Struck out—By West 1, by Decanniere 2, by Williams 5. Runs resposible for—West 1. One run, 7 hits, 15 times at bat, off West in 4 innings; 1 run, 6 hits, 20 at bat, off Decanniere in 5 innings. Left on bases—Venice 9, Salt Lake 9. Double plays—Berger to Purtell to Gleichman; Williams to Orr to Tennant. Umpires—Finney and Williams. Time of game—1 hour and 50 minutes.

BASEBALL GAMES

San Francisco, April 2.—In a game replete with errors and characterized by heavy hitting on both sides, Oakland again defeated today San Francisco. The Oaks used three pitchers and the Seals two. Sixteen safe hits were registered against the Oakland team. Home runs were made by "Hub" Pernoll and Heilmann.

Oakland—	Runs.....000 020 013—5
Hits.....110 221 134—15	
San Francisco—	Runs.....210 010 110—6
Hits.....321 113 320—16	

Los Angeles, April 2.—Ryan held Portland to four widely scattered hits and Los Angeles won 3 to 1 today. The Angels found Leonard for six hits, crowding three of them in the second inning, which netted two runs. Terry with a single scored Maggett in the first run in the second inning and then tallied himself on Brooks' double. Maggett brought in the final run in the sixth after he had singled.

Portland—	Runs.....000 010 000—1
Hits.....010 020 001—4	
Los Angeles—	Runs.....020 001 003—3
Hits.....031 002 10x—7	

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 2.—The Chattanooga Southern league club defeated the Cincinnati Nationals here today 5 to 0.
Chattanooga.....1 5 1
Cincinnati.....0 4 0
Batteries—Rosa and Kitchens; Denton, Lear and Doolin, Gonzales.

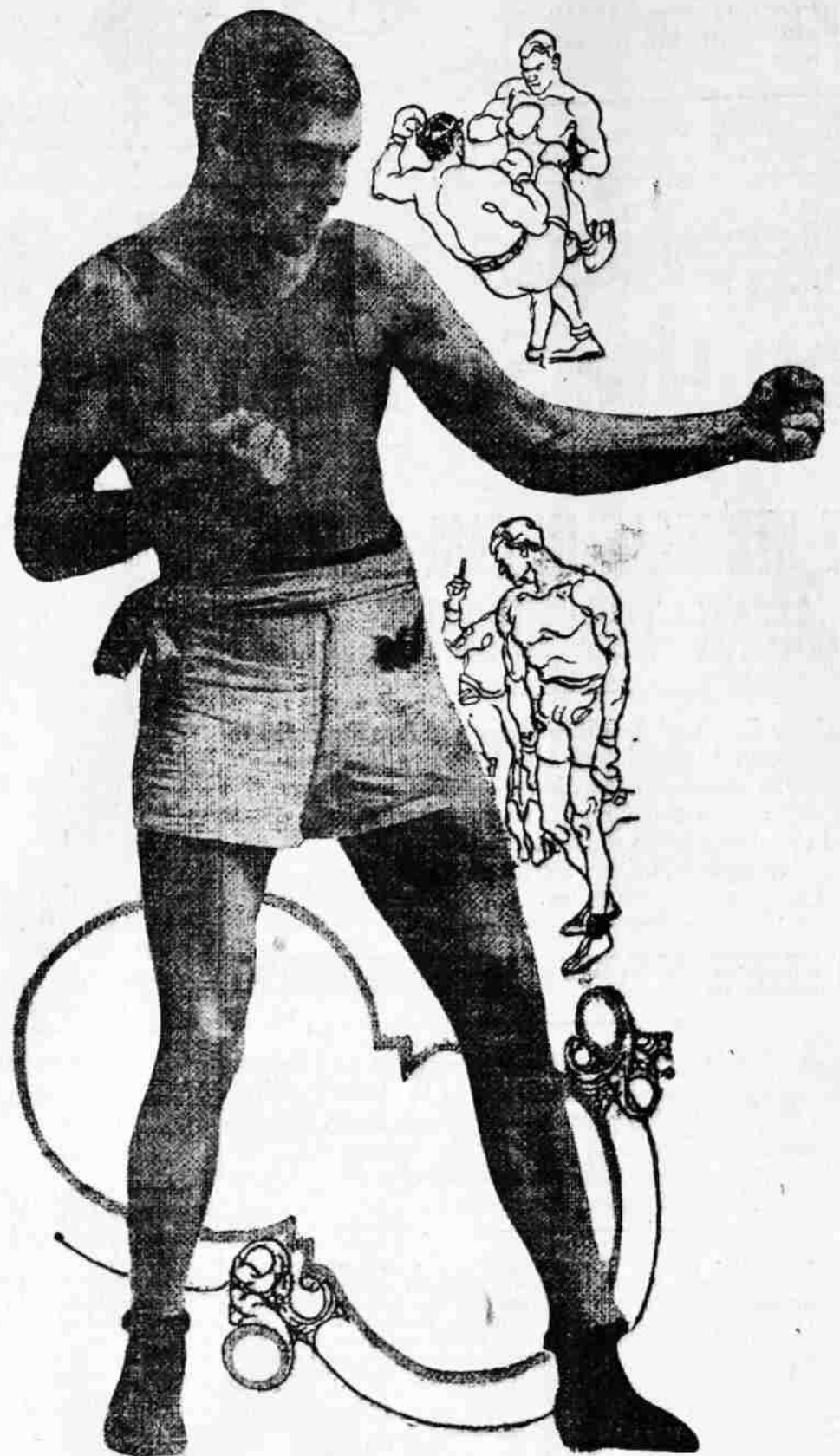
Richmond, Va., April 2.—The Philadelphia Athletics defeated the Richmond Internationals, 3 to 2.
Philadelphia.....3 9 2
Richmond.....2 7 4
Batteries—Wyckoff, Myers and Schang; Morrisette, Jarman and Schaufle.

Norfolk, Va., April 2.—The Philadelphia Nationals defeated the Norfolk Virginia league team 7 to 1.
Norfolk.....1 4 2
Philadelphia.....7 10 2
Batteries—Walter, Cochran and Adams, O'Connor.

New Orleans, April 2.—The Cleveland American league defeated the New Orleans Southern association team 9 to 4.
New Orleans.....9 14 0
Cleveland.....4 1 1
Batteries—Harstad, Corbett and Egan, Devoght; Morgan, Smith and Knaupp.

Houston, Tex., April 2.—The New York National regulars got sixteen hits for thirty bases in the game here and defeated Houston of the Texas

AL REICH, "ADONIS" OF PRIZE RING



New York, April 3.—Al Reich, former amateur heavyweight champion, demands a match with Jack Johnson because of his knockout of Arthur Pelky in three rounds recently. First of all, and as a stepping stone to his go with the negro titleholder, Reich insists on a match with Jim Coffey, the Dublin Giant. He wants to fight Coffey in Madison Square Garden, asserting he can put him away easily in less than ten rounds.

Reich is termed "the Adonis of the prize ring" because of his pulchritude.

league 15 to 1.	
Houston.....1 7 3	
New York.....15 16 2	
Batteries—Glenn, Ware and Baker; Tesreau, Schauer and Smith.	

Nashville, Tenn., April 2.—The Pittsburgh Nationals defeated the Nashville Southern association team 7 to 4.
Nashville.....4 9 2
Pittsburg.....7 14 1
Batteries—Leverett, Rogers, McLeod and Street; Hill, Coope and Smith, Murphy.

Washington, April 2.—The Washington American team had little difficulty in defeating Yale in an eight-inning game here.	
Washington.....11 11 5	
Yale.....4 6 5	
Batteries—Clark and Henry; Watrons, Hunter and Castles.	

GRAND AMERICAN HANDICAP PLANNED

Chicago, April 3.—The biggest and best Grand American Handicap ever held is the plan for the sixteen annual renewal of the trap shooting classic which will be held here this summer under the auspices of the Interstate Association and the Chicago Association of Trap Shooters. The dates for the gathering will be August 16 to 20, the big handicap shoot coming on the last day, with the previous days taken up with preliminaries.

Tom Marshall, the only man who ever won the classic twice and who now is assisting in the promoting of the coming event, says that 400,000 shots will be fired over Lake Michigan during the five-day gathering.

WILLARD HAS A CHANCE TO WIN

By H. M. WALKER.
Los Angeles, April 2.—Jim Jeffries, former heavyweight champion of the world, believes that big Jess Willard stands a good chance to win the world's heavyweight championship by defeating Jack Johnson in the Havana ring.

"I'm not betting a dollar on the Cuba show," said the big fellow, as he sat in his automobile preparatory to starting for the San Bernardino mountains on a trout-fishing expedition. "But if I had to bet I believe I'd take an odds-on bet on Willard to deliver the goods."

"Willard is a better man than most people have given him credit for. He's ungainly and awkward in his actions, but so was I when I first came out, and the sport writers certainly called

attention to my shortcomings. "Willard is a young giant who has never been knocked down. He leads a clean life, and when it comes to traveling the forty-five-round path he certainly has more in his favor than Johnson."

"Whether Johnson has dissipated, as has been reported, I do not know. But age alone is enough to whip him in a long contest at this stage of his career."

"If Johnson is still 'there' to the extent that he can cut and jab Willard all over the ring during the first ten rounds, he ought to win. But if the contest goes into the twentieth round, then it will begin to look like a new champion."

"Willard has the stamina for a long, heart-breaking fight. I can't say the same for Johnson. Willard has everything to win and nothing to lose. It is a nice spot for Jess."

PHILIPPINE STARS ACCEPT CHALLENGE

Chicago, April 2.—The challenge for an international track meet issued by the Chicago members of the Amateur Athletic Federation was accepted today by the organization in the Philippine Islands, through the secretary, Elwood S. Brown.

The Philippines federation is the first to accept the challenge which was issued several months ago for a world-wide meet, the athletes participating to remain in their own countries. The winner would be the team scoring the highest number of points in a selected number of events, according to a new universal scoring chart which was issued recently.

In his letter of acceptance Secretary Brown stated that the Philippine A. A. F. officials have adopted the universal scoring chart and will be ready to take up the international meet at the close of the far eastern olympic games, which are to be held in Shanghai, China, during the latter part of May.

AMATEUR CHAMPION GOLFERS DEFEATED

Pinehurst, N. C., April 2.—Completion of the first and second rounds of match play in the fifteenth annual United States and south amateur golf tournament here today resulted in the elimination of Francis Quimby, national amateur champion, and Walter Travis, former amateur champion, among others.

Quimby was defeated in the morning by Jesse Gullford of the Intervale (N. H.) club, 4 up and 3 to play. Gullford was beaten in the afternoon by F. K. Robeson, the New York school student, 1 up in 20 holes.

The veteran Travis lost to Robert Hunter of Stamford, Conn., 2 up and

1 to play. J. H. Sullivan, Jr., of Auburndale, Mass., defeated R. S. Worthington of Shawnee, Del., 1 up in the morning round, and later in the day won from P. V. Carter of Nassau, eastern interscholastic and junior metropolitan champion, 2 up and 1 to play.

Matched in the order tomorrow will be: H. J. Topping, Greenwich, Conn.; J. H. Sullivan, Auburndale, Mass.; Robert Hunter, Stamford, Conn.; and F. K. Robeson of New York.

WORLD CHAMPIONS MAY VISIT COAST

Philadelphia, April 2.—John K. Tener, president of the National league, is in favor of giving baseball followers of the Pacific coast an opportunity to see the team winning the world's championship next fall in a post-season series against an all-star team of the defeated league at the Panama-Pacific exposition. Mr. Tener so expressed himself here today upon his return from the exposition, where he participated in the dedication of the Pennsylvania building.

"The people of the west are bears for good baseball and naturally they desire to see the world's champions there next fall," said President Tener. "The world's series, of course, could not be held in San Francisco and neither would I consent to having the pennant winners of the leagues meet there after the regular world's series games are over. But I am strongly in favor of having the winner of the series go west and play against an all-star team picked from the other league. I would insist that the games be strictly on the level."

"To accomplish this, it would be necessary to pass certain legislation by the governing bodies of baseball, but I believe it can be done."

President Tener said that he believed such a series would be financially successful and that to participate in it would be a prize well worth winning for every ball player in the National and the American leagues.

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The opening and closing dates for the leading major and minor leagues for the season of 1915 show that the Pacific Coast league will, as usual, play the longest season:

	Open	Close
National.....	April 14	Oct. 7
American.....	April 14	Oct. 7
Federal.....	April 10	Oct. 7
American Asso.....	April 22	Sept. 22
Pacific Coast.....	March 30	Oct. 24
Northwestern.....	April 20	Sept. 18
New England.....	April 30	Sept. 6
Texas.....	April 8	Sept. 6
Southern.....	April 13	Sept. 26
Georgia.....	April 30	Aug. 21
North Carolina.....	April 22	Sept. 15

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